

PESTILENCE STALKS BEHIND THE FLOOD IN STRICKEN CITY

FIGHT UPON DISEASE BEGUN IN EARNEST

Government Will Take Strict Measures In Work of Cleaning City.

NEW VERSION GIVEN OF NAVAL SCANDAL

Began With Request That
Cowles Leave Dance Is
the Story.

BOSTON, Jan. 28.—That the navy yard scandal that has resulted in Paymaster

George Percival Auld and Surgeon A. H. Robnett being ordered to appear for court-martial had its inception in Auld requesting Miss Ames to withdraw invitations to Dr. and Mrs. E. S. Cowle to a dance because of an incident at a former gathering in which Miss Hester figured in the latest version of the story.

It is said today that when Miss Ames was asked to withdraw the invitation to the now famous "hop" she refused, and it is reported that she said: "Miss Cowles is a dear friend of mine, and I can not do as you wish. You may act as you think best with Dr. Cowles." According to Miss Ames, this is at least what Auld understood to be the substance of Miss Ames' remarks.

Later, it is said, Auld and Robnett requested Cowles to withdraw from the dance. It is stated that Cowles asked if that were the desire of Miss Ames and if the action were known. It

After hearing Cowles' story of the affair, the story goes, Miss Ames summoned Auld. He explained that it was his understanding that she approved of the affair. She said she did not know. Miss Ames said that she did not mean to convey such an impression. Whereupon, Auld went to Cowles and said, "I withdraw the name of Miss Ames entirely from the affair. She did not say anything of the kind," as I did."

It is also asserted that further accounts of the alleged assault on Dr. Cowles, his statement being that he was struck from behind, with clear Auld of brutality or cowardice, when related by disinterested spectators.

HEARING ARRANGED ON NEW RATE BILLS

Elkins and Cummins Measures to Be Discussed Next Thursday.

At the first meeting of the Seattle Interstate Commerce Committee today, it was decided to begin hearings next Thursday on the Elkins bill and the Cummins bill.

The disposition of the committee as manifested at the meeting is to put in a report to the Senate early and to get legislation this session.

What is believed in many quarters to be of great importance is the bearing of a recent decision of the Supreme Court given by Justice White in the coal car distribution case. Senator Elkins brought this to the attention of the committee. Most of those present had not seen it.

This will doubtless have an important bearing on the establishment of a court of commerce. Some of the members of the committee hold there is no need for a court of commerce in the light of this decision.

Senator Elkins is anxious to cut the hearings short and a few railroad men and a few representatives of shippers only will be heard. Judge Cowan, rep-

Senator Newlands caused a stir in the committee today by trying to compel a vote to the effect the Interstate Commerce Committee should take jurisdiction of the national incorporation bill. This was opposed by several Senators, including Senator Cullom. It was clear part of the committee was

perfectly willing to let this troublesome question go to Judiciary, especially as it is expected Senator Clark of Wyoming, chairman of Judiciary, will introduce it.

BOYS' STRIKE FAILS.

FRANKLIN, Pa., Jan. 23.—The seven to boy students of the High School who

Investigation today showed that nearly every cellar in Paris was filled with sewage, owing to the breaking of many sewers and the crippling of the pumping stations. It will be weeks before this sewage is removed and nothing but Providence, many officials say, can save the city from a wave of deadly disease.

WATERS RECEDING.
Within two hours after the river was reported stationary a slight fall began. Forty miles up the Seine the fall was appreciable. The Marne is also dropping and it is not now believed the present crest can be maintained long.

From 9 o'clock last night to 9 o'clock this morning, the Seine rose eight inches. It is difficult to say just when the crest was reached, owing to the turbulent condition of the river making exact measurements almost impossible.

It is warm and cloudy today, with slight, intermittent rains. The danger from sewage coupled with the contamination of many of the city's water sources and the deposits of filth in many parts of the city, makes the menace of disease the gravest problem and one to the solution of which the authorities will set themselves before attempting to rehabilitate the city.

Work of Disinfecting.
As soon as possible the government will order all the people to clean up their premises, to burn contaminated matter in coke fires, and to spread disinfectants wherever needed. The government will furnish free all supplies needed in the work of cleaning the city.

Hotel keepers are deep in gloom over the prospect that the flood and its resulting dangers and inconveniences will cause tourists to avoid Paris during the coming season.

Several balloons, carrying parties of sightseers, passed over Paris today, ascending at the Aero Club's grounds at St. Cloud. Snapshots from the balloons were taken of the flood scenes.

Small boats piled today in the yard of President Fallieres' palace, in the Champs Elysees. Boats also sailed around the theaters and the restaurants in the lower Champs Elysee. The surface of the water in this section is on a level with the crest of the flood.

Cellars Flooded.

All the basements in this quarter are filled, and the water is in the first floor of many of the costly residences. The quarter is almost untenable, as the invading water is mostly from the sewers, and is foul and noxious.

Water continues to spread over the Place de la Concorde. A crippling of automobile travel is threatened by a shortage of gasoline. Several automobile lines have already ceased to operate from this case.

The taxi-chauffeurs are charging double fares and patrons must either pay

Increased tariff, and automobiles and horse-drawn cabs are reaping a rich harvest. Several cab owners have driven their horses to death in their eagerness to take advantage of the

Worse conditions than those that prevail in the Grenelle and Javel arrondissements can scarcely be imagined. These are among the poorer sections of the city, and the suffering there is intensified tenfold over that in the more prosperous sections, even though the loss in the latter is many times greater.

Many Destitute.
The mayorality offices in all of the river arrondissements are crowded with refugees seeking food and shelter. A new refuge was opened today in the Rue d'Artois.

Rue Admiral Roussac and was immediately filled with a wretched lot of unfortunates. Hundreds of the destitute are succumbing to sickness, to relieve which all the doctors of Paris are offering their services free.

At No. 7, Rue de la Sablonniere, today the police, in answer to pitiful cries

that came from the almost submerged house found an aged and half blind man trying to carry his paralytic wife to a place of safety.

Reports from the upper Seine and the Marne say that the people wept and shrieked with joy when it was announced that the prisoners were taken.

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went on a strike yesterday as a protest against the demerit system, are in school again today. The girl "co-eds" failed to keep their promise to join the strike.

BARFOOT 2 MILES IN SNOW

WEST CHESTER, Pa., Jan. 28.—Accused of keeping \$1.50 intrusted to him to aid a sick man, Layman Johnson, colored, ran barefoot and bleeding two miles through the ice and snow from Kennett Square, and finally captured a pair of shoes.

Finally captured a pair of shoes and escaped beyond capture.